

**12302. Requirements for precinct board members; student precinct board members.**

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a member of a precinct board shall be a voter of the state. The member may serve only in the precinct for which his or her appointment is received.

(b) In order to provide for a greater awareness of the elections process, the rights and responsibilities of voters and the importance of participating in the electoral process, as well as to provide additional members of precinct boards, an elections official may appoint not more than five students per precinct to serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members designated by the elections official. A student may be appointed, notwithstanding lack of eligibility to vote, subject to the approval of the board of the educational institution in which the student is enrolled, if the student possesses the following qualifications:

(1) Is at least 16 years of age at the time of the election to which he or she is serving as a member of a precinct board.

(2) Is a United States citizen or will be a citizen at the time of the election to which he or she is serving as a member of a precinct board.

(3) Is a student in good standing attending a public or private secondary educational institution.

(4) Is a senior and has a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

(c) A student appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) may not be used by a precinct board to tally votes.

*(Amended by Stats. 2003, c. 530, §2.)*